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SUBJ: FACILITIES AND OPERATING RIGHTS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. NASSAU 1350 (191745Z AUG 75) B. NASSAU 1537, OCT 1973

1. ON FRIDAY, 22 AUGUST, NLO AND THE THEN DCM R. RIDGWAY, WERE VISITED BY DEFENSE ADVISOR TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION, CDR. DAVID COLE, RN, WHO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF US/GCOB FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS AND WHETHER OR NOT USG WAS STILL INTERESTED IN PROVIDING, AS PART OF QUID PACKAGE, HARDWARE, SUPPORT, AND TRAINING FOR GCOB POLICE AIRWING REFERRED TO IN GCOB TECHNICAL PACKAGE, AND AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BY FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER TREADWELL/AMB. SPIERS (REF B).

2. COLE INFORMED THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY AGREED WITH GCOB TO A TARGET DATE OF 31 DECEMBER 1975, FOR CONCLUSION OF A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, CDR. COLE WAS ADVISED OF EMBASSY'S RECEIPT OF LATEST GCOB NOTE (REPORTED REF A) RESTATING GCOB VIEW OF RELATIONSHIP OF US BASES AND OPERATING RIGHTS TO OVER-ALL BAHAMIAN ECONOMIC VIABILITY. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THAT THERE WAS A CHANCE, IF UK/GCOB DEFENSE TALKS CONCLUDED IN EARLY OCTOBER, THAT GCOB MIGHT THEN FOCUS ON US/GCOB NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

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EM WITH REGARD TO QUIDS, COLE STATED THAT HIS RECOLLECTION

WAS THAT UK WOULD CONCENTRATE ON BOATS AND USG ON AIRCRAFT. ANSWER WAS GIVEN THAT, WHILE USG WOULD PROBABLY STILL PREFER THAT ANY US/UK QUIDS NOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER, EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED GCOB RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL SURVEY PROPOSALS AND, THEREFORE, USG WAS STILL NOT IN POSITION TO TALK SPECIFICS ON THIS POINT. HE WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT, AT THIS TIME, USG WAS ONLY CONSIDERING RENTAL PAYMENT AND COULD NOT ADDRESS HOW ANY SUCH PAYMENTS MIGHT BE SPENT, EITHER WITH REGARD TO TECHNICAL SURVEY OR ANY OTHER AREA.

4. CDR. COLE WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT SHOULD BE SOUGHT BY HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM AMBASSADOR.
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